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THE SHIP PURCHASE BILL.

The Ship Purchase bill is on the rocks and nothing but a miracle will save it from utter destruction.

The Democratic party is involved in the wreck. The remnants of its dignity and independence have at last revolted against the most absolute basism that ever existed in any party.

The Progressive notions of the New Freedom have studiously ignored the time-honored constitutional theory that the Government is composed of three coordinate branches and have assumed that all power is lodged in the White House.

President Wilson has discarded the old custom which forbade the Executive to do otherwise than to advise the Congress formally in writing of "the state of the country" and the necessity of legislative action, and has substituted personally delivered messages supplemented by inspired bills and imperial commands for party support.

"The boss wants it" has been heard in Washington more frequently than anywhere else during the past two years, and nowhere have the wishes of the Boss been more obsequiously carried out.

It is this manner of dictation which seven Democratic Senators have been publicly and vituperatively read out of the party for having refused longer to subversively bow to. They have broken away and asserted their privilege in order to save not only their self-respect but the bulk of worthy legislation remaining on the calendar of Congress.

The insistence of the President upon the passage of the Ship Purchase bill can only be explained on the hypothesis that he has become so thoroughly imbued with the dictatorial habit as to make it difficult if not impossible for him to yield gracefully to earnest opposition when wisdom would seem to dictate such a course. The Ship Purchase act was a grave political blunder and President Wilson and his advisers ought to be glad of an excuse to abandon it.

The bill would commit the Democratic party to Government Ownership and convert it of Government Monopoly. The first is contrary to the spirit of our institutions and the latter adherent to their progressive administration.

Private capital would not attempt to compete with the Government in the operation of shipping lines, well knowing that such competition would be suicidal. The American shipping business would suffer such circumstances become the biggest and most glaring American monopoly in existence.

In the present deplorable state of the national finances, the Government cannot afford to invest in ships \$50,000,000 down and an additional sum perhaps quite as large before the enterprise is fully launched.

Aridly from these considerations, however, there is no general demand nor any public necessity for the proposed Ship Purchase law, and this fact lends color to the assumption that the orders of the President for the passage of the bill, without question and without debate, and before any other business is considered, is an arrogant assumption of power which does not belong to political leadership and which warrants the application of the Rule.

There is no paralysis of American export trade. The threatened contingency which furnished the only excuse for the bill has passed. Our foreign commerce, now grown to large proportions, is being transported as usual in privately owned bottoms.

Lastly, the bill, if passed in its present shape, would seriously menace our peace with Europe. The avowed purpose of the administration is to purchase the German ships interned on our shores and operate them as American vessels. This would undoubtedly be construed as an untried act by the Allies, since its effect would be to automatically release these ships of the enemy now in chancery, and to strengthen the German war chest by fifty million dollars. While the acquisition of the ships will be for peaceful purposes, it will in effect be giving aid and comfort to one of the belligerents.

Furthermore, the Allies practically control the seas and transport the 90% of our exports. They possess the present situation undivided as far as possible. The more American ships, the greater danger of American goods getting into Germany. Germany needs our foodstuffs and perhaps other products. It is part of the war game for the Allies to keep such supplies from getting to the enemy. "But we have a right to buy these ships," say the Democratic supporters

of the Ship Purchase bill. Assuming that we do have the right, what is the use of buying something we do not need when we cannot afford it, especially when the proposed purchase seems to have so much trouble attached to it?

In its effort to promote American commerce, why should the Democratic administration run the risk of precipitating it?

That's what would happen if we got into war with the Allies.

MERCHANT COKE PROSPECTS.

The Cleveland Daily News of Trade sees no reason for depression among Connellsville coke operators and sends them this message of cheer and hope:

"The Connellsville coke trade has begun to look up. The H. C. Frick Coke Company has started, while these additional ovens have not been operating long enough to show appreciable in the statistics, yet the fact that more workmen are getting busy and more ovens are turning out furnace fuel is viewed with great satisfaction by the Connellsville trade. True, no merchant ovens have been added to the active list, but it is hoped that better induced at work in a number of ovens will appear beyond the limits of the steel works ovens. No surprise need be felt that coke prices in the general market are unchanged. It will require additional active merchant furnace capacity to bring about much of a market change.

With steel mills operating 50% capacity and demand steadily increasing, and with pig iron stocks sensibly diminishing, an early improvement in the demand for merchant coke seems inevitable.

The coke trade has turned the corner. It is only a question of time until it comes up to par. The market has already overthrown the coke plants subsidiary to the United States Steel Corporation. The independent steel mills must soon feel the uplift also, and with their forward movement the merchant coke business will increase.

DON'T BE A CLAM.

The speeding up of the operations of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in the Connellsville region is explained by President James A. Farrell in his address before the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania. It is a spasmic increase in coke production. It is a recognition of the market conditions which it is deemed necessary to make the connection with the steel works ovens.

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BIG CROWD HEARS SPEAKERS DEBATE LIQUOR QUESTION

J. C. Young and W. M. Likens Argue Prohibition Subject.

CONFLICTING CLAIMS ARE MADE

Speakers Cannot Agree on the Real Results of Prohibition in the "Dry" States; Young Declares Forelible Measures a Menace to the Nation

About 250 persons, men and women, from all walks of life, with the exception of clergymen who were engaged in church service, heard J. C. Young and W. M. Likens debate the Prohibition question in the Sisson Theatre, Saturday, and all agreed that a protracted hour and a half was spent. Despite the fact that the speakers had debated in Brownsville in the afternoon they put a lot of vim into their discussions. Forty minutes was allowed each in his initiative speech and 10 minutes afterward for rebuttal. Applause was frequent.

The subject was "Resolved: That Prohibition is an impracticable, Un-American and Un-Christian." In declaring his opposition to Prohibition, Mr. Young first expressed himself as a strong advocate of Temperance, because temperance is self-imposed while Prohibition is forcibly imposed—by the policeman with a club. Men, he declared, are irresponsible in everything, yet prohibition is not the remedy. He cited the right of the individual, yet it would not fail to deprive them of the right to express themselves; a man may go howling, rock the boat and drown several persons, but no one thinks of prohibiting boating. Even religion there is intemperance, he asserted, and an instance where the religious zeal of a darky resulted in the upsetting of a stove which caused the church and the cost of number of lives.

Prohibition's choice is the basis of all morality," Mr. Young declared. "We don't need a legal muzzie to keep people from making a pile of themselves." Prohibition means deprivation from a license to traffic in liquor to bootlegging and moonshining and it doesn't stop drunkenness. Instances were cited of the violation of Prohibition laws in West Virginia. Kansas and other states, how it is done in pumpkins, in canes, even in eggs. The decrease in revenue in West Virginia was also utilized as an argument. Clarksburg, where the city is said to be \$3,000 behind in its police salaries, was being cited as an example.

Prohibition only changes the channel through which it flows, the speaker declared, as well as the quality of grain. Prohibition does not try to stop the cause of the drink evil, he asserted, it strikes at the man behind the bar. Instead of investigating the case of the men before the bar—the dealers only cater to the demand that was there before they entered the business. Prohibition is impracticable because it is an infringement upon the laws of Nature. Prohibition destroys the last vestige of personal liberty you make a nation of cowards."

The American revolution as a result of prohibitionary laws by the British, the speaker declared, that a similar prohibition would "cause the same kind of a revolt." Millions of drinkers are not intemperate, he contended, and the temperance that allies itself with Prohibition is altogether wrong—drink in moderation is desired by many men and Prohibition would strike a blow when it aimed its blow at the drunkard.

When 1,000,000 persons employed by the liquor manufacturers in the United States, or about 6,000,000 people who are dependent on it for livelihood—what is to be done with these, and with the allied trades and their dependents, if the trade is wiped out by prohibition? With this multitude added to the millions now unemployed there would be the biggest revolution ever known in history, he declared.

Mr. Likens declared that if Prohibition is Un-Christian, Un-American or Unpractical, it ought to fail.

The kind of Prohibition so far secured in the various states that have voted dry is not satisfactory, he declared, but even at that, if it has secured what Mr. Young declared it has, it has a huge success. "We've got the law," he declared, "but we've not enforced because our goody-goody church member goes to the polls and votes the tickets that elect a liquor man to enforce them. I think far more of an honest liquor dealer than I do of the goody-goody church member who votes the liquor ticket."

Only one state, he said, has real prohibition and that is Kansas, thanks to the efforts of the late Mrs. Nation, and in the last eight years it has become a sort of Paradise—in 17 counties there hasn't been a crime trial in 60 years, hardly any other house.

In other Tennessee, South Dakota and other states, the Prohibition law is violated, he declared.

Robbery, murder, stealing are ceteris. Mr. Likens contended, but not more so than selling liquor and the government should take the same attitude toward this traffic as it does toward counterfeiters, thieves, etc.

Referring to Mr. Young's scripture excepts to prove that Curse had approved of the drinking of wine, Mr. Likens declared that the Bible in reference to wine in connection with happiness, meant "sweet wine" or "good boy's kind."

Taking up the problem of what to do with the persons thrown out of employment if Prohibition were adopted, Mr. Likens declared that if the word went out that the liquor traffic was to be stopped on July 1 by Uncle Sam, every merchant would double his orders for merchandise, all of the factories would work overtime, new ones would start and not only would those thrown out of work be employed, but the large army of other idle men would also get work.

The money spent for liquor would go to buy shoes, clothing, hats and other necessities, he asserted.

In his resolution, Mr. Young quoted statistics to show that Kansas has 192 prisoners per 100,000 population while Pennsylvania, "one of the wettest states," has only 60. Mr. Likens came back at this later by declaring that the figures represented federal prisoners, which are necessarily larger because so many Kansas counties have no jails, while in every Pennsylvania county the prisons are overcrowded.

Mr. Young's contention that only \$12 per capita is spent per day in the United States, was denied by his opponent who asserted that just twelve that is spent per head, or \$100 a year for an average family of four.

He also expressed his belief that every saloonkeeper throws out of business by prohibition would go into another business and prosper.

After the discussion, the Prohibition League by Mr. Likens required in a considerable donation. Mr. Young told the audience that the expenses of the meeting so far as he was concerned had been attended to.

SCHOOL REPORT

**Fifth Month Closes in the Star June-
Bion Grubbs.**

STAR JUNCTION, Feb. 8.—Report of the Star Junction schools for the fifth month: Primary, 2; Number 2, Number 4; pre cent of attendance, 93. E. L. Ransome principal.

Room 1, Mary E. Hess, teacher; number enrolled, 72; per cent of attendance, 95; honor roll, Lewis Shultz, Roy Nicholson, Dwight Murphy, Mildred Ketter, Andy Durack.

Room 2, Irene Washington, teacher; number enrolled, 48; per cent of attendance, 91; honor roll, John Zahn, Anna Drotz, Steve Suko, Myrtle Anderson, Andie Cosma.

Room 3, Elizabeth Beeson, teacher; number enrolled, 63; per cent of attendance, 93; honor roll, Charles Blair, John Thinsel, Ada Vange, Emma Lou Stielke, Anna Puskar.

Room 4, Catherine Duon, teacher; number enrolled, 46; per cent of attendance, 91; honor roll, Josephine Peck, Uriah Kuhn, Hall, Anna Robatin.

Room 5, Rita Mae Pollack, teacher; number enrolled, 39; per cent of attendance, 99; honor roll, Sarah Graham, Effie Dair, Madie Stimmell, Andy Kovalev.

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Room 7, Rita Mae Pollack, teacher; number enrolled, 39; per cent of attendance, 99; honor roll, Sarah Graham, Effie Dair, Madie Stimmell, Andy Kovalev.

Room 8, Garnet Jones, teacher; number enrolled, 25; per cent of attendance, 93; honor roll, Earl Bixenbach, Max Kosher, Dorothy Jenkins, Effie Brown.

Room 9, Olive Byers, teacher; number enrolled, 27; per cent of attendance, 93; honor roll, Mary Gonda, Catherine Kunkel, Jeannette Pollock, George Huth.

Room 10, E. L. Ransome, teacher; number enrolled, 28; per cent of attendance, 93; honor roll, Francis Wender, Charles Butchko, Francis Shubert, Eleanor Knox, and Henry Beasher.

NEW CASES LISTED

Only 12 Out of 36 Are Reported Ready For Trial.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 8.—Not more than 12 of 36 cases on the trial list for the sixth week of Common Pleas Court which opened this forenoon, will be tried during the week. The trial list was called by Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen, the presiding judge, and the trial of the cases were continued. Six cases on the list, including three suits against the Sunbeam Coal & Coke Company, were settled. Only one case will be taken up in court room No. 2 before Judge Crumb today, that of the South Union Township School District against Thomas J. Moyer, a framed issue.

Forty-four of the veniremen summoned for jury duty this week answered to their names when called by Deputy Prothonotary Frank Portnoy. There are 65 names on the venire for the trial. Of these 65, 40 were not served and two are sick.

Edward E. Brown presented a petition of residents of German Township to the court asking for a road from the Baltimore & Ohio road in Smithfield to a point in the Rabb Mill road, near the residence of W. J. Breakford, a distance of about one-half mile. Viewers W. H. Blinn, J. V. E. Ellis and D. E. Bane were appointed by the court to view the road.

GETS A DIVORCE

Decree Is Given West Side Man on Grounds of Desertion

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 8.—A decree in divorce was this afternoon granted John F. Weaver, of 909 Morell Avenue, Cincinnati, to his wife, Anna, a widow, who now lives in Buffalo, N. Y. The divorce was granted on the ground of desertion of about three years.

Weaver, in his libel, alleged that his wife complained because he was not making enough money. He said that he received \$60 a month as a yard foreman, and turned over \$30 to her every two weeks. They lived in a home owned by his wife.

According to Weaver, his wife one day took him to leave her and never came back. As her two brothers were making their home there at the time he took the advice and the divorce action followed.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

College Student Has Splinter of Bone Removed from Shoulder.

Joseph R. Butterman, a law student of Michigan, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Butterman of East Main street, underwent an operation in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor Monday.

While attending State College more than a year ago, he was injured in a class skirmish, from which he never fully recovered. When the operation was performed yesterday it was found that a splinter of bone from the shoulder blade had caused the trouble. He expects to leave the hospital tomorrow.

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ODD FELLOWS IS CELEBRATED HERE

General Worth and William McKinley Lodges Hold Meeting.

FORMALLY OPEN NEW TEMPLE

Interesting History of the Order Is Read by Henry Goldsmith and a Digital Program Occupied the Evening; Chicken Supper is Also Held.

ROCKWOOD REVIVAL COMES TO AN END; SOMERSET NEXT

Evangelist Stacks Winds Up One Successful Campaign and Prepares to Start Another.

TOOK HOME 1,000,000.—The evangelist Morgan Lee Stark of New York, who had charge of the special meetings for three weeks, presented his last discourse Sunday evening, and after a brief rest in his launch an interdenominational campaign at Somerset for which arrangements are now being made. Subsequent to his return to the county next Saturday he will go to New Haven, Connecticut, and then to New York, where he will speak at a series of evangelistic services, which too, it is understood, will be in union in scope. The exact opening date of his Connellsville engagement has not yet been announced, but it will follow the Some set revival which closes about the middle of March.

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PHILIPPINE VETS BANQUET IN HONOR OF ANNIVERSARY

They Feast on Day Filipinos Revolted, 15 Years Ago.

CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS HONORED

They Take Place on Program Reserved for Guests Who Could Not Attend. Officers of Walter E. Brown Post Are Chosen; 6 New Members.

When several speakers had been selected from the list of prominent figures in Tenth Regiment history during its recent services sent letters of regret at not being able to attend the banquet of Camp Walter E. Brown, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Civil War Veterans, who made the honor guests. They were J. H. Brady, Clark Collins, Sam Dawson and George Gaddis of Elizabeth.

The banquet was in honor of the fifteenth anniversary of the breaking out of the Philippine Insurrection, about 50 men who were actively engaged, either in Cuba or the Philippines, and it proved an enjoyable affair.

Letters of regret were read from Colonel Richard Coulter, Jr., commanding of the Tenth Regiment; Congressman Thomas S. Crago and R. G. Woodside, all of whom said that they only regretted of previous engagements that they could not come, as their hearts were right there.

Matthew Welsh acted as toastmaster. He called on various guests for toasts, and interesting recollections of their military careers were given. J. R. Balsley's talk was interspersed with interesting bits of verse. A quartet of members of the post sang old-time songs, and the guests alighted.

Before the banquet a business meeting of the post was held at the West Side fire house and the following officers were elected: Commander-in-chief, T. R. Cunningham; senior vice commander, Harry Wilson; junior commander, George E. Brandy; adjutant, E. B. Balsley; paymaster, A. Kresler; chaplain, Harry L. Bishop; inside inspector, J. E. Nichols; sentinel, R. W. Baxter; J. C. Herwick was elected trustee for 18 months. W. E. Detolt was appointed deputy commander-in-chief and installed the officers.

Eight new members were admitted. The committee in charge of the induction was composed of W. E. Detolt, Phoenix Cunningham, A. B. Pickard and John Kessler.

De La Loma Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Uniontown, also held a banquet last night. Addresses were made by Dr. George Neff and Major Everhart Bleier.

SOCIETY GIVES DINNER

Dawson Women Entertained by Member at West Penn Tea Room.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Cochran Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church at Dawson was definitely entertained Thursday afternoon at the West Penn Tea Room by Mrs. L. E. Cochran, president of the regular business and social meetings of the society and was the most enjoyable one held for some time. A special chicken dinner, served at 8:30 o'clock by the management of the tea room, covers for 25 were laid. Attractive plates and white napkins, and the menu was carefully prepared, the tables being adorned with vases of pink and white carnations terminating with form.

The guests were Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Baum and son Wilson, Mrs. John Levergood, Mrs. S. J. Stoner, Mrs. Joseph Snyder, Mrs. E. E. Kinke, Mrs. G. G. Bridges, Mrs. H. G. Palmer, Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. A. E. Sprent, Mrs. Maitie Fletcher, Mrs. Daniel Sprent, Mrs. E. E. Braffett, Mrs. A. C. Brown, Mrs. J. R. Cottam, Mrs. H. H. Moore, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Sherbourn, Mrs. A. C. Mosser, Mrs. J. L. Thomas, Mrs. W. J. McCormick, Mrs. J. Hardy, Mrs. E. J. E. Beatty, Mrs. Richard Fieldson, Mrs. P. Kosky, Mrs. Harry F. Farn, Mrs. M. A. McSwain, Mrs. H. A. Largent, Mrs. Margaret Stover, Mrs. M. J. Strawn, Mrs. J. A. Crawford and Mrs. W. H. Cochran, all of Dawson.

BROWNSVILLE BANKER TAKEN

Italian, Whose Deposits Were Counterfeited, Arrested.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—Thomas P. Coughlin, who operated a restaurant at 129 West Seventh street, was arrested last night by a city detective and is being held for the authorities of Brownsville, Pa., where he is said to have taken \$30,000 deposited in a bank of which he was president.

County Detective John J. Smith of Fayette county arrived in Cincinnati and took Coughlin into custody. Smith was operating a bank in Brownsburg under the name of H. J. Letts Company. Nearly all deposits were made by foreigners. The deposits amounted to \$30,000.

Coughlin is said to have told the police that he lost the money in bad business investments. After he lost the money he came to Cincinnati.

MUST MARK SNOKS

Weight of Potatoes and Apples Expected to be Shown Hereafter.

Seller of Weights J. S. Baynor has received a decision from Harrisburg stating that commission merchants and wholesale grocers must mark all potato and apple sacks with their proper weight in sending them out to retailers.

It is not necessary for interstate shipments to be so marked, the ruling declares.

Passes Examination.

Attorney J. E. Sherrard of Uniontown, son of A. C. Sherrard, of Vicksburg, has received word that he has successfully passed the examination for admission to practice before the state supreme court.

POTTSVILLE COUNCIL FORCED TO NAME NEW COMMISSION

As Yet Connellsville Has Gotten Along Without City Planners, but Its Turn May Come.

Something which Connellsville city council has overlooked so far is now causing considerable interest in other third class cities of the state, and that is the city planning commission. Up to Pottsville, which became a city at the same time Connellsville did, the council was threatened with impeachment if it did not appoint such a commission, but it failed to prevent such action. The city name is not mentioned this week. On P. F. Poyer's suggestion, leader started proceedings against the city for ignoring the law creating such a commission, claiming that it was intended as an additional executive department to hold council in check in granting franchises or opening new streets.

The city planning commission is to be appointed at the next meeting of the Clark third class city hall. It directs the appointment of five men, one for one, one for two, one for three, one for four and one for five years, to serve without compensation and make annual report to the city. They shall have jurisdiction over sewer extensions, widening, narrowing, enlargements, ornamentation and parking of city streets, boulevard, park, parkway, playgrounds and other public ground. New buildings, additions to the city, new sewer, water, gas, or gasworks improvements, would come up for the approval of the commission.

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